

SCM-Orientation Course

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You've learned some fundamentals about foreign military sales cases and now realize how large and involved the process is. Can you imagine how much information is generated from many thousands of open FMS case records and tens of thousands of associated logistical, financial, and many other transactions?

Just about anybody responsible for some management aspect of FMS would need to view this information. The answer to the requirement for a standardized repository of FMS and other security cooperation information is the Security Cooperation Information Portal, or SCIP, developed by the Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

In this lesson, we're going to summarize why SCIP is important and identify the communities of information contained in SCIP.

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Although SCIP has many capabilities that we will discuss in this lesson, at its core it is a database system. Let's look briefly at its features and limitations.

SCIP obtains its data from a wide range of implementing agency and security cooperation management information systems. The accuracy of SCIP information is dependent upon the accuracy of those data sources. Take a look at a few of them.

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To obtain a SCIP account, each applicant will need to complete the online registration form on the SCIP website and submit it to the DSCA SCIP Program Management Office in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. DOD users typically will use their Common Access Card or CAC to access SCIP.

Other users such as FMS customers are issued an electronic device called a token, which contains a six-digit access number that changes every 60 seconds, to access SCIP. Before obtaining a SCIP account, foreign purchaser applicants must first contact their host nation token administrator to obtain a serialized SCIP token that will be referenced in their registration form.

The six-page registration form is very detailed to ensure the user will only have access to authorized information. For example, access can be given for multiple country information or access can be narrowed down to just one FMS case record.

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Once you have your SCIP account, you'll be given access to the site's information.

SCIP is divided into communities of information. What information can be accessed is based on the user identification authorization parameters that were identified in the SCIP application form. Take a look at what is contained in SCIP.

Let's take a quick look at where the different guides are located within each of the common communities. 1. This is where the Case Information User Guide is located. 2. You'll find the SCIP Help Descriptions here. 3. The Corporate Info User Guide can be found here. 4. If you need the Help Desk User Guide, it's easily accessible here. Lastly, if you need the International Customer Token Access Guide, it's located here.

Outside of the community, you'll find various guides on the logon page as indicated here.

If you happen to be looking for the End-User Monitoring Guide, you'll find it here.

If you have a problem while you're in SCIP, just click one of the yellow circles with the black question mark, type your issue, and click send.

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SCIP is designed to be friendly and intuitive for security cooperation and security assistance users. However, if you need help, there are various places you can find information. In addition to help found on the DISAM website, there are user help guides for nearly every SCIP community of interest. You may also submit questions or report problems to SCIP help.

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SCIP obtains its data from a wide range of implementing agency and security cooperation management information systems. It takes SC data from many different US and commercial systems and presents it in a standardized format for use in generating reports. The communities of information in SCIP enable users to navigate to the detail they need.

This module provided an introduction to SCIP. Since there's a lot to retain, we've created a continuity book that summarizes key terms, organizations, and policies that you can download before you exit.